

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- ELECTRONIC REMOTE ACCESS
Wednesday, December 30, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Per the MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, and in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020, remote access was implemented per the requirements of PA 228 of 2020.

Present. Mr. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice, Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Mr. Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

123020-194

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

123020-195

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 16, 2020. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

123020-196

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$593,976.81. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson reported that the Payroll total was \$163,713.97 which included the Christmas snow event and was a big hit to the winter budget.

Mr. Novak stated that he would like to thank the crews for working during the holidays and the roads looked good.

Managing Director Report

123020-197

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to declare four pieces of equipment as surplus.

#8237 1988 Hyd Pole Saw

#8239 1989 Hyd Pole Saw

#8240 1992 Hyd Pole Saw

#9735 1987 Backpack Blower

Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that all four pieces have been scrapped as they no longer are operational.

Mr. Pearson stated that the County Road Association (CRA) annual conference has been scheduled for March 9-11, 2021 and is currently set as an in-person session. CRA is allowing only three members from each road commission to attend, and will issue a full refund if the conference goes virtual.

Mr. Pearson thanked Mr. Duckert for his eighteen years of service, and that he was among only two other Lapeer County Road Commissioners that have served that many years. Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Duckert was a great addition to the Board, he has appreciated his input and ended by stating that Mr. Duckert would be sadly missed.

Mr. Novak and Mr. Nichols also thanked Mr. Duckert for his contribution to the Road Commission. Mr. Duckert stated that he has learned a lot during his time as Road Commissioner. Mr. Duckert stated that he tried to be a good person in the election and he lost.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell asked the Board to approve the Concrete Box Culvert Bid Tabulations.

121620-190

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the three box culverts (Gardner Road, Davison Lake Road, Barber Road) and award in the best interest of the Road Commission pending availability of funding between the Road Commission and Metamora Township. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons stated that he would like to thank all of the crews as they had a long Christmas clean-up and didn't get much time with their families. It took some serious dedication, as we have a lot of young guys with young kids at home that waited for dad to get home to open presents.

Mr. Schons wanted to congratulate Mr. Duckert. Mr. Schons stated that Mr. Duckert was on the Board the day he started and he has always been the type of commissioner that was quick to point out the dedication of all of our staff and always quick to give an at-a-boy and lift the guys up when it was needed. On behalf of the maintenance department, he thanked him and congratulated him.

2021 Organization

Mrs. Weston asked the Board for nominations for Chairman for the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission.

123020-198

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to nominate Mr. Novak for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

123020-199

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to nominate Mr. Nichols for Vice Chairman. of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

123020-200

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Nichols to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer for 2021. Motion carried.

123020-201

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2021.
Motion carried.

123020-202

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2021. Motion carried.

123020-203

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent for 2021. Motion carried.

123020-204

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Zeb Schons Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2021. Motion carried.

123020-205

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mrs. Linette Weston as Finance Director and Secretary to the Board for 2021. Motion carried.

123020-206

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to designate Mr. Destain Gingell, Mr. Andrew Dixon and Mr. Zeb Schons as authorized agent for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weston stated that it was wonderful working with Mr. Duckert during these past eighteen years. Mrs. Weston went on to state that Mr. Duckert was an easy person to work with, everything was smooth and she will miss him a lot.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Commissioners Reports and Comments

Mr. Nichols stated that the crews did a good job clearing snow the past two weeks keeping the roads clear. Mr. Novak seconded that and stated that on Christmas Day with little ones, all of the Commissioners appreciate all of the hard work all of the employees do.

Mr. Novak then thanked Mr. Duckert for his service to the Road Commission for the last eighteen years all the hard work he has put into it.

Being no further business, Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary